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## POLICY BRANCH INFORMATION

## **Satellite Space Applications Accepted for Filing**

The applications listed below have been found, upon initial review, to be acceptable for filing. The Commission reserves the right to return any of the applications if, upon further examination, it is determined the application is not in conformance with the Commission's rules or its policies. Petitions, oppositions and other pleadings filed in response to this notice should conform to Section 25.154 of the Commission's rules, unless otherwise noted. 47 C.F.R. § 25.154.

SAT-MSC-20020925-00187 P

Inmarsat Ventures plc

Miscellaneous

The Commission has received a request from Inmarsat Ventures PLC ("Inmarsat") for an extension of the December 31, 2002 deadline established under Section 621(5)(A)(ii) of the Open-market Reorganization for the Betterment of International Telecommunications Act, as amended (Pub. Law 106-180, 114 Stat. 48 (2000)) ("ORBIT Act"). Section 621(5)(A)(ii), as amended, requires Inmarsat in serving the U.S. market to conduct a public offering no later than December 31, 2002. The Commission is allowed to extend this deadline to no later than June 30, 2003. The Commission previously granted Inmarsat two extensions of time from the original October 1, 2000 statutory deadline to July 1, 2001 and then to December 31, 2001. [Inmarsat Ventures Ltd., 15 FCC Rcd 19740 (released October 3, 2000) and Inmarsat Ventures Ltd., FCC 01-193 (released June 28, 2001)]. In 2001, Congress amended the statute extending the deadline to December 31, 2002.

Comments may be filed on or before November 1, 2002. Reply comments may be filed on or before November 11, 2002.

For further information on this application, contact Jabin Vahora at (202) 418-1229.

SAT-T/C-20021001-00181 E

Northrop Grumman Corporation

Transfer of Control

Current Licensee: TRW INC.

FROM: TRW, Inc.

**TO:** Northrop Grumman Corporation

Northrop Grumman Corporation has filed an application for transfer of control of the Ka-band satellite authorizations held by TRW Inc. (See IBFS File Nos. SAT-LOA-19970904-00081 to -00084 and SAT-AMD-19971222-00229) pursuant to the terms of the merger agreement between TRW Inc., an Ohio Corporation; Northrop Grumman Corporation, a Delaware corporation; and Richmond Acquisition Corp., a newly formed Ohio Corporation and wholly-owned subsidiary of Northrop Grumman.

Northrop Grumman is a publicly-traded, global, defense company headquartered in Los Angeles, CA. Northrop Grumman and its wholly-owned subsidiaries are current FCC licensees, holding over 290 authorizations in a wide range of service categories. Therefore, its qualifications are matter of record before the Commission. Under the terms of the merger agreement, Northrop Grumman will acquire TRW through a common stock transaction and will assume TRW's net debt at the time of closing. Following consummation of the transaction, TRW's satellite and defense systems businesses will be operated as a separate Northrop Grumman sector.

For more information concerning this Notice, contact the Satellite Division at 202-418-0719; TTY 202-418-2555.